

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 11, 19, and 24. Please amend claims 1-10, 12-18, 20-23, and 25-29.

The claims are as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for use in a user system, for accessing information related to a physical document, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

identifying a physical document;

identifying and locating an electronic copy of said identified physical document;

identifying one or a plurality of pages of said physical document and identifying a selected part of the ~~identified~~ physical document using the position of points on said identified pages;

retrieving, from the electronic copy of the physical document, data related to the selected part of the physical document;

presenting said retrieved data visually to a visually impaired person or orally to a blind person on the user system, wherein said presenting said retrieved data visually is configured to enable the visually impaired person to see said retrieved data, and wherein said presenting said retrieved data orally is configured to enable the blind person to hear said retrieved data.

2. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ said identifying one or a plurality of pages of said physical document and identifying a part of the identified physical document using the position of points on said identified pages further comprises

pressing said points on a touch foil successively placed and aligned over or under said identified pages.

3. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said physical document and pages in said physical document are selected by a user.

4. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 2, wherein a point on a touch foil is pressed with a fingertip or a pen.

5. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ said identifying one or a plurality of pages of said physical document and identifying a selected part of the ~~identified~~ physical document using the position of points pressed on a touch foil successively placed and aligned over or under said identified pages[[,]] comprises ~~the further steps of~~:

identifying a first page in said physical document;

determining the position of a first point pressed on the touch foil placed and aligned over or under the identified first page, said first point corresponding to the start point of a part selected in said identified document;

if start point and end point of the selected part are on a same page:

determining the position of a second point pressed on the touch foil placed and aligned over or under the identified page of said document, said second point corresponding to the end point of said selected part;

if start point and end point are not on a same page:

identifying a second page in said physical document;

determining the position of a second point pressed on the touch foil placed and aligned over or under the identified second page of said document, said second point corresponding to the end point of said selected part[[.]];

identifying the selected part of the ~~identified~~ physical document using the position of the start point and the end point.

6. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of said~~ presenting comprises presenting said retrieved data orally to the blind person on the user system, and wherein said presenting said retrieved data orally comprises ~~the further steps of:~~

extracting text data from said data;

converting said text data into data that can be ~~electronically~~ audibly read.

7. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 6, wherein ~~the step of said~~ converting said text data into data that can be electronically read[[,]] comprises ~~the further step of:~~

audibly reading, to the blind person on the user system, said text data by means of a text-to-speech system.

8. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said presenting comprises presenting said retrieved data visually to the visually impaired person on the user system, and wherein ~~the step of said~~ presenting said retrieved data visually[[,]] comprises ~~the further step of:~~

magnifying the retrieved data on a screen such that the magnified retrieved data can be visually read by the visually impaired person.

9. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 8, wherein ~~the step of~~ said magnifying the retrieved data on ~~[[a]] the screen[[,]]~~ comprises ~~the step of~~:

magnifying on ~~[[a]] the~~ screen the electronic copy of the selected part of the physical document.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method for use in a user system, for accessing information related to a physical document, said method comprising the steps of :

identifying a physical document;

identifying and locating an electronic copy of said identified document;

identifying one or a plurality of pages of said physical document and identifying a part of the identified physical document using the position of points on said identified pages;

retrieving from the electronic copy of the physical document, data related to the selected part of the document;

presenting said retrieved data visually or orally on the user system, wherein the electronic copy of the document is an exact replica of the physical document.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said presenting

comprises presenting said retrieved data visually to the visually impaired person on the user system, and wherein the step of said presenting the retrieved data visually[[,]] comprises the step of:

enhancing on a screen the electronic copy of the selected part of the physical document to match ~~the user's~~ a preferred reading view of the visually impaired person.

13. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of said~~ identifying [[a]] the physical document[[,]] comprises ~~the further step of:~~

reading, by means of a barcode reader, a document identifier printed on said physical document at a predefined position.

14. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of said~~ identifying a page in said physical document[[,]] comprises ~~the step of:~~

reading, by means of a barcode reader, a page identifier printed on said page at a predefined position.

15. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said presenting comprises presenting said retrieved data orally to the blind person on the user system, and wherein ~~the step of said~~ retrieving, from the electronic copy of the document, data related to the selected part of the physical document[[;]] comprises ~~the further steps of:~~

identifying and locating information and/or services associated with the selected part of the physical document; [[and ]]

retrieving said information and/or services; and  
~~reading or magnifying or~~ audibly playing ~~or displaying~~ said information and/or services  
on the user ~~workstation~~ system.

16. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 15, wherein said information  
associated with the selected part of the physical document~~[[,]]~~ comprises~~[[:]]~~ a ~~speech~~  
description of graphical data related to the selected part of the physical document, and wherein  
said audibly playing comprises audibly playing said description of said graphical data to the blind  
person on the user system.

17. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim ~~16~~ 1, wherein said presenting  
comprises presenting said retrieved data orally to the blind person on the user system, and  
wherein ~~the step of~~ said identifying and locating an electronic copy of the identified  
document~~[[,]]~~ comprises ~~the further steps of~~:

identifying and locating information ~~and/or services~~ associated with the physical  
document; ~~and~~

retrieving said information ~~and/or services~~; and  
~~reading or magnifying or~~ audibly playing ~~or displaying~~ said information ~~and/or services~~ to  
the blind person on the user ~~workstation~~ system.

18. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 17,

wherein the information associated with the physical document~~[[,]]~~ comprises~~[[:]]~~ a ~~speech description of the physical document; and/or~~ speech instructions related to the physical document;

wherein the speech instructions comprise speech instructions for locating positions of bar codes on pages of the physical document; and

wherein said audibly playing comprises audibly playing, to the blind person on the user system, said speech instructions for locating said positions of bar codes on pages of the physical document.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said user system is connected to a communication network comprising ~~one or~~ plurality of servers, and wherein the electronic copy of the physical document is located on one server of said plurality of servers.

21. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein the electronic copy of the physical document is located on the user system.

22. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said user system is connected to a communication network comprising ~~one or a~~ plurality of servers, and wherein the information and/or services associated with said physical document are located on ~~one or a~~ each server of said plurality of ~~said~~ servers.

23. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein the electronic copy of the physical document and the information and/or services associated with said physical document are located on the user system.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said physical document comprises Braille indications.

26. (Currently amended) A user system comprising means adapted for carrying out ~~the steps of~~ the method according to claim 1.

27. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

[[a]] said user system ~~according to~~ of claim 26, ~~optionally~~ connected to a communication network;

a touch foil to be placed over or under a page of a physical document for:

detecting a pressure exercised over one or a plurality of point of its surface; and

determining the coordinates of said one or plurality of points; and

a connection between said touch foil and the user system.

28. (Currently amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 27, said system further comprising a bar code reader connected to said user system for reading bar codes on the physical document.



29. (Currently amended) A computer program comprising instructions for carrying out ~~the steps~~ of the method according to claim 1, when said computer program is executed on the user system according to claim 26.